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BOARD APPROVES SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS' REQUEST TO RE-ESTABLISH \$10,000 REWARD FOR MISSING SOUTH LOS ANGELES WOMAN

LOS ANGELES – The Board today approved Supervisor Ridley-Thomas' request to re-establish a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the whereabouts of 24-year-old Mitrice Richardson and the criminal prosecution of persons involved in her disappearance after being released from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Substation in Calabasas on September 17, 2009.

The Cal State University, Fullerton graduate – who was living with her great-grandmother in South Los Angeles – mysteriously disappeared following her predawn release from the sheriff's substation, where she was booked allegedly failing to pay a restaurant bill.

Her vanishing prompted several massive, but unsuccessful searches in the area by members of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, the Los Angeles Police Department, and trained volunteers.

Ms. Richardson, who had no transportation, cell phone or purse when she left the station at about 1:25 a.m., was reportedly wearing jeans and a dark T-shirt. With the exception of a couple of probable sightings, the slender, five-foot-five African American woman, has not been heard from since.

At Supervisor Ridley-Thomas' request, the Board initially approved a \$10,000 reward offer on September 29, 2009 and extended the offer on December 15, 2009. The Board's approval today re-established the reward, which expired on June 26.

The current investigation is being conducted by LAPD detectives, working in conjunction with the Sheriff's Department, who are continuing their year-long efforts to locate Ms. Richardson.

The Supervisor urged anyone with information to contact LAPD Detectives Chuck Knolls or Steven Eguchi at (213) 486-6900 or LASD Detectives Dan McElderry or Ken Perry, at (323) 890-5500.